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To Our Valued Customers,

Having missed the newsletter last month I had to get my A into G and complete this one.

On Saturday 7th we farewelled my Auntie Madge Adams, after 96 years. She was an amazing lady with a beautiful outlook on life, even though it didn't always give her an easy road. I feel this attitude contributed to her long healthy existence. Maybe there is a lesson here for us all.

Sunday 8th – I have just returned from being called out to put up a marquee at Tu Whare Toa Marae for a tangi. While there a ute went past with the driver shouting "We won. We won!" As it transpired Te Whanau A Apanui had just won the "World Kapa Haka Championship" held in Christchurch against 45 other teams including some from Australia. Mai Tawhiti came joint second. Well done to all involved.

I've just watched on the Sunday programme the spokesman on health, Peter Dunne, state that nothing would be achieved by putting a tax on sugary drinks. Is he Brain Dead? This method works very effectively at reducing alcohol and cigarette consumption, why wouldn't it work with sugar? The Mexican government put a 10 cent per litre tax on sugary drinks and had a 10% reduction in consumption in 3 months, and raised an extra \$1 billion in revenue in 12 months. NZ is the 3rd highest consumer of sugar per head of population in the world with a rate of 50kg per year for every man woman and child. That is almost 1kg per week, and Dunne reckons we aren't addicted to sugar!! A 2 litre bottle of soft drink such as Coke contains over 45 teaspoons of sugar. This has a disastrous effect on our young people's teeth and health with obesity and diabetes being a long term effect. Yet Dunne reckons we need more education and more fluoride in our water – he's definitely lost the plot. How does he not realise that the most effective means the government has found to reduce cigarette consumption is raising the price – that's why I say he is brain dead! Sugar is as addictive as cocaine and nearly as damaging. This tells me how much influence the food and drink industry has on our politicians.



If you missed this very interesting programme watch it by scanning this QR code or online at the below address:

<http://tvnz.co.nz/sunday-news/exclusive-online-preview-bittersweet-6249593>

Quote for Peter Dunne:

If you want something you've never had (like kids with healthy teeth) you must be willing to do something you've never done. – Thomas Jefferson (Words in brackets mine)

Party Hire

These last 2 months have been particularly busy in party hire and engineering.

Marquee hire has been the busiest ever with jobs all over the bay and down to coast. Garth and the team have been full on “putting them up” and “taking them down”. It has been interesting hearing comments regarding the high quality of our marquees compared to “others they have used”. We may be a small operation compared to many, but we try to provide the highest quality product we can for your function.

Something else you may find helpful with sorting out your party hire requirements is our website www.LHEOpotiki.co.nz. Here you will find our party hire checklist which has everything we have available in our party hire. Download the sheets in PDF, fill in all the required boxes, put in your quantities and email it back to us to price it up for you. Alternatively print it and bring it in to see us about your requirements,

Sometimes my mind wanders. Other times it leaves completely.

Husqvarna Ride-On Specials

There are huge savings, up to \$1000 to be made at the moment on rear-bag catcher and zero-turn ride-ons. Don't miss out on these super specials as we have been advised that the next models are increasing in price because of the slipping NZ dollar. So whether you are looking at a ride-on, chainsaw, weed eater or hedge trimmer, now is the time to invest – you will be saving plenty. Plus, with some mowers there is a free trailer worth \$349 – now that's a good deal.



Moving house, or moving a horse

If moving is on your agenda, then our furniture truck combined with the furniture trailer makes the job a lot less tiresome. You can normally fit a complete house lot in these two which makes the moving process a lot easier.

Moving horses is no problem, with either our single horse float or the smart looking double one.

Thought For The Month:

When they say, “You're going to regret that in the morning”, I sleep in till noon because I'm a problem solver!

Have a great month. All the best from your friendly team at

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